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Subject: Request for Delta Stewardship Council Review; Ecosystem Restoration Program Conservation Strategy for Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions.

Mr. Isenberg:

The purpose of this request is to transmit to the Delta Stewardship Council the most current Department of Fish and Game (DFG) draft of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Conservation Strategy for Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions (Conservation Strategy).

The Conservation Strategy serves as an update to the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) Strategic Plan and follows the principle of a single-blueprint for ecosystem restoration and species recovery in accordance with the principles of ecosystem-based management. This single-blueprint is the vehicle for ensuring coordination between all resource management, conservation, and regulatory actions affecting the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

The Conservation Strategy has been developed to guide ERP priorities and actions for Stage 2 implementation based on the Stage 1 findings, the first seven years of CALFED, and new information. It identifies ecosystem restoration opportunities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley Regions, and it provides the rationale for restoration actions specific to each of these regions. It further provides the conceptual framework and process that will guide the refinement, evaluation, prioritization, implementation, monitoring, and review of ERP actions. ERP performance measures can be found in Appendix D.

Through this letter, DFG is soliciting input from the Delta Stewardship Council in reviewing, evaluating, and commenting on any conflicts, updates, or science that is addressed in the Conservation Strategy.

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All comments are needed by August 22, 2011 and can be emailed to cdibble@dfg.ca.gov or mailed to:

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For additional copies of the Conservation Strategy an electronic version can be found at: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ERP/reports_docs.asp

Should you have questions or require clarification, please contact Chad Dibble at (916) 445-1202 or cdibble@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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